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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following area will be open to purse seining during the time and in the area listed below:

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, September 8, 2012:**

District 2: will be open within two nautical miles of the Prince of Wales shoreline **south of Tolstoi Point located at 55°40.25' N. latitude**, with the following restrictions:

Cholmondeley Sound: will be closed in all waters west of the westernmost tip of Divide Head at 132°16.30' W. longitude and Sunny Cove will be closed north of 55°15.00' N. latitude;

Kasaan Bay, Skowl Arm, and contiguous waters: will be closed west of the longitude of Skowl Point Light;

Moira Sound: will be closed west of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage located at 132°00.35' W. longitude;

Thorne Bay, Tolstoi Bay, and contiguous waters: will be closed.

Recent aerial surveys indicate a surplus of wild stock fall chum salmon returning to Cholmondeley Sound. The opening occurring on September 8, in District 2, will be to target returning fall chum salmon in the district and specifically to Cholmondeley Sound. Catch rates and escapements will continue to be monitored and future openings will be announced via news release if additional opportunity to harvest excess fall chums is available.

Copies of the "2012 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan" may be obtained at department area offices listed below. It may also be obtained from the web address listed below:
<http://www.cf.adfg.state.ak.us/region1/finfish/salmon/sImp.php>.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S8012.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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